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SUBJECT: GAO STUDY OF CONSULAR STAFFING IN ITALY

1. IN CONNECTION WITH A DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULATES, GAO INSPECTOR CARPENTER ASKED FOR A COPY OF A CURRENT OFFICIAL POLICY ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT THAT WOULD CLEARLY DESCRIBE US INTERESTS IN ITALY AND OUR POLICY PROBLEMS IN DEFENDING AND ADVANCING THOSE INTERESTS. THIS WOULD, HE SAID, BE ESSENTIAL FOR THE GAO TEAM'S EVALUATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSULATES' POLITICAL FUNCTIONS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON WHAT, IF ANY, DOCUMENT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO GAO TEAM IN RESPONSE TO ABOVE REQUEST. THERE IS CLEARLY A CERTAIN LOGIC TO THE REQUEST, BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT PARA OR SIMILAR DOCUMENT THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE (THE LAST PARA WAS 1973). IN REVIEWING THE PAPERS AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE DECISION IS TO PROVIDE SOMETHING TO THE GAO, IT APPEARS TO US THAT MOST SUITABLE WOULD PROBABLY BE THE EMBASSY'S ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT FOR 1976 (ROME 7066 SECRET/LIMDIS) AFTER DELETING THE LAST SECTION ENTITLED , "RECOMMENDATIONS". HOWEVER, OTHER MORE SUITABLE PAPERS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO HANDLE THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH GAO WASHINGTON. SINCE GAO TEAM PLANS TO DISCUSS ITS STUDY WITH INSPECTORS HARTUNG AND MANBEY ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER

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4 AND 5, WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR REPLY BEFORE THAT DATE.

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